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Arrival and Departure of Mails at the Postoffice, Oregon, Mo.

MAILS DEPART.

7:20 a. m. For Omaha and intermediate points, north, east and west.

12:10 p. m. For all points north, south, east and west, except Tarkio and Villisca branches.

4:40 a. m. For St. Joseph and intermediate points.

3:30 p. m. For New Point only.

9:45 a. m. For Villisca, north, mail to all points north, east, south and west, except intermediate between Forest City and St. Joseph.

4:20 p. m. For Villisca, north, mail to all points north, east, south and west, except intermediate between Forest City and St. Joseph.

MAILS ARRIVE.

8:50 a. m. Omaha—Mails from all points, north, east, south and west.

10:30 a. m. Villisca and Tarkio Valley branches. Mails from north, east, south and west.

11:30 a. m. From New Point only.

3:15 p. m. Main line K. C., St. Joe. & C. R. Mails from all points, north, south, east and west.

6:00 p. m. From St. Joseph.

9:45 a. m. Rural Route No. 2, leaves. Returns at 4:00 p. m.

9:45 a. m. Rural Route, No. 1, leaves. Returns, 4:00 p. m.

Mails are made up promptly 15 minutes before departing time.

New Point mail arrives and departs daily except Sunday.

Mail to Fortescue, Rulo and points on the R. & M. in Nebraska within 100 miles of this office, should be mailed before 8:45 a. m. in order to reach its destination the same day.

Mails for main line of K. C., St. Joe. & C. R. north and south, are made up and depart at the same time.

The Chicago Holocaust.

Several hundred people were killed in 10 minutes Wednesday afternoon of last week, December 30, 1903, during a fire in the Iroquois theatre in Chicago. The people became panic-stricken, and most of the deaths were the result of being trampled to death from fright and suffocation. The latest reports give the loss at 391 dead; 500 injured. Death in the closing days of the year has reaped a plentiful harvest. Not content with gathering the ripened grain; unsatisfied by the ordinary processes of disease, the grim angel has boarded railway trains and guided them into collisions, out of which he gathered his ghastly harvest. They harrow even the hard-hearted reader of these narratives of violent death, and one turns away from the details of the recent disasters as one instinctively turns away from exhibitions of man's brutality. If he scanned the long lists of the killed and the wounded it was only to see if, perchance, some friend or close one was among the helpless victims of man's dereliction. But, appetite grew by what it fed on. Even crowded railway trains, sent head-on in a furious collision failed to provide food sufficient for his insatiable maw. A crowded theatre filled with women and children and some men, attending an afternoon matinee, coming for pleasure and enjoyment, full of the holiday spirit, must be fired to provide a gruesome feast for death. The savoring headlines in the papers proclaim the horrors. Nearly 600 lives are sacrificed to make a feast for death's holiday. Before this appalling disaster the railway killings of the past 10 days shrivel into insignificance. To read them would be a comparative relief. The mind cannot grasp the enormity of this disaster that has befallen Chicago's homes, where on the morning of the last day of the year, there was, in hundreds of homes, "the voice of Rachel for her children weeping will not be comforted." This theatre was reported to be "absolutely fire proof." It has proven a farce. Such statements as a theatre being fire proof is a farce, always was and ever will be. There is no such a thing. It matters not if floors, walls and ceilings are of non-combustible material. In the very nature of their furnishings, theatre buildings are filled with stuff that will burn at the touch of a match.

A Mental Breakdown.

John D. Dopf, for 40 years editor of the Atchison County Journal, and one of the oldest and most popular editors of our state, was taken to the St. Joseph asylum for the insane on Saturday of last week. He is suffering from extreme nervousness, and is supposed to be brought about from overwork. We understood the superintendent of the asylum believes that with an extended rest Mr. Dopf will be restored to health and able to return to his business. There is no one in the large circle of Mr. Dopf's acquaintance but will sincerely hope for his speedy recovery. His bright, sunny, jolly disposition, together with his clean life and strong mental attainments, made him friends by the score, and one and all regret keenly the misfortune that has so suddenly overtaken him.

—William Jackson and Robert Smith were each given three years in the penitentiary last week by the Andrew County Circuit Court for stealing chickens.

—We are glad to learn that Uncle Peter Redmon, who received a slight stroke of apoplexy some two weeks ago, is now some better.

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE.

The Marriage Record of Holt County for the Year 1903.

Edward R. Norris, of Rochester, N. Y., who has reached the age of 106 years, attributes his longevity to the fact that he never married. The venerable Mr. Norris's theory may have some logic to support it, yet it doesn't hold good in all cases. It all depends upon the kind of wife.

Had this wonderful aged man been mated in youth to a rasping, nagging woman, the grass would have been waving over his grave 50 years or so ago. But on the contrary, if he had wedded a woman of gentle disposition, a woman entirely willing to share his sorrows as well as his joys, a woman devoid of selfishness, he might have attained his present advanced age as the head of a household just as easily as he has done it in bachelorhood. So it all depends on the nature of the woman.

Notwithstanding the fact that there were 11 divorces granted in our county during the year 1903, the records of the recorder's office show that there were a goodly number of people willing to enter into the bonds that lead in this modern day, either to the circuit court or the grave.

During the period between January 1, 1903, and January 1, 1904, 121 couples, old, young, middle aged, divorcés, single and widowed, secured licenses of Recorder Callow, to take and to keep each other 'til the parting of the ways, however their ways might part, and without regard as to whether that parting entailed a lawyer's fee or an undertaker's services.

We know of no death occurring to any of those married during the year, nor do we believe that any of the parties have applied for divorce, notwithstanding the fact 11 divorces were granted during the year.

In 1870 34 per cent of all marriages in the United States ended in divorce courts. In 1900 it had grown to 8 per cent. In other words, the percentage of divorces to marriages in this country has more than doubled since 1870. From a religious standpoint there are about 23 divorces to every 100,000 Catholics, while divorces for the same total number of Protestants are 283. More than 40 per cent of all divorces granted in the United States is on the ground of desertion, and divorces are more frequent in the city than in the country districts. The divorce record of Holt county is certainly alarming, and when one sees the official figures, well may the bachelors of our county proclaim that "marriage is a failure." From 1895 to 1902 inclusive, there have been 1,363 marriages and during the same period, 105 divorces have been granted—in other words one divorce has been granted out of every thirteen marriages.

Holt county furnished most of the brides and grooms of the year. Out of the 242 people securing licenses 224 were residents of the county. Nine of Holt's grooms their brought their brides from other counties, while two Indiana grooms took two of Holt's fair daughters to their native states, and eight others took Holt county girls away with them.

Mound City furnished the largest number of couples 31, both parties being residents of that place, while Oregon second with 17 and Forest follows these with 11 couples each and Craig fourth with an even 10, Napier 3, Fortescue 2, Corning 1, Forbes 8, Bigelow 4, Maitland 6 and New Point 2.

In this connection it is to be noticed that boys and girls of the same town or neighborhood seem to mate very readily and the cases of "sweethearts from youth" are exceedingly common.

Of the total number of people securing license, 19 were under age—in eight cases the women were under age and the men over.

Pearl Korebeck, Martha Doebbling, Julia J. Thompson, Lulu Shaw, Pearl Henderson, Allie Gihland, Myrtle Yount, Eunice Hughes.

Of the total number 11 were men under age, who had not yet arrived at man's estate, took wives who had reached the majority age. These were: Wm J. Simmons, John C. Smith, John C. Miles, Chas. Woodward, John D. Hughes, Earnest Lunsford, Elmer G. Mann, Jesse Snapp, Virgil Fields, Charley Gotscher, Joseph F. Hughes.

The first marriage of the year was that of H. C. Noble and Susie Simmons and occurred on the first day of the year 1904.

The last wedding solemnized during the year was on Dec. 31; Bert Drake, of Langdon, and Miss Bessie Thornton, of Forest City.

The largest number of weddings were had in the month of February, with 19; the second in December, 16; March was third with 13. The smallest number was in June 5. Nine of the couples married

were non-residents of the county. The record of marriages and divorces since 1895 is as follows:

	Marriages.	Divorces.
1895	161	12
1896	172	9
1897	176	11
1898	152	17
1899	168	13
1900	148	12
1901	136	8
1902	129	12
1903	121	11
Totals	1,363	105

From the above it will be seen there were less weddings in the county during the year 1903, than any year during the period from 1895 to 1903.

The following is the marriage record for 1903:

Brown, Calvin C., and Pearl M. Rorebeck, of Napier, Jan. 4, by Rev. I. R. Hicks.

Brock, Tilford, and Clara Guyer, of Forbes Feb. 23, by Rev. Edwin C. Morgan.

Bridgeman, Thos. J., of Bigelow, and Stella B. Fike, of Mound City, March 18, by Rev. C. C. Dobbs.

Birk, Walter E., and Ida I. Dew, of Mound City, May 26, by F. S. Rostock, J. P.

Bratt, Fred A., and Myrtle May Salisbury, of Mound City, June 2, by John H. Steele, J. P.

Blevins, H. E., and Bessie P. Crouse, of Fortescue, Sept. 10, by Rev. C. C. Dobbs.

Barrackman, Daniel, of Mound City, and Emily Baker, of Craig, Sept. 9, by Rev. F. E. Smith.

Beeler, Redmund L., and Ida Guthrie, of Mound City, September 15, by Rev. Brethaupt.

Bucher, Ira, of Oregon, and Eva A. Dooley, of Forest City, Oct. 25, by Rev. Wilson A. Haynes.

Bishop, James M., and Leona F. Tucker, of Oregon, Oct. 27, by Rev. H. E. Bower.

Buntz, Jas., and Blanche Stephenson, of Oregon, Nov. 26, by Rev. Jas. McFarland.

Carlton, George, of Craig, and Martha Doebbling, of Forest City, Jan. 21, by Z. T. Randall, J. P.

Crouse, James W., and Maude Ferguson, of Forest City, Feb. 1, by Rev. C. W. Thorpe.

Conn, Floyd C., and Maude Springer, both of Mound City, Feb. 25, by Rev. J. B. Bickel.

Comer, John W., and F. Anolia F. True, of Craig, Feb. 25, by Rev. O. D. Allen.

Couts, Wm. B., and Eva May Mallon, of Bigelow, March 4, by Rev. C. C. Dobbs.

Crouse, Benj. F. and Laura M. Shoenberger, of Fortescue, April 19, by Rev. C. C. Dobbs.

Coyle, Francis M., and Julia Mattox, of Maitland, April 23, by Rev. Thos. B. Dry.

Chesney, John A., of Forest City, and Edna L. Meyer, of Oregon, May 9, by Rev. W. H. Hardman.

Cotton, Geo. W., and Cora Evans, of Forbes, May 12, by Elder J. F. Bickel.

Cotton, Ed., and Susan Caton, of Forbes, August 1, by F. S. Rostock, J. P.

Cain, Monroe, Mound City, and Alma Beekman, Bigelow, September 6, by H. P. Stuart, J. P.

Cooper, Charles B., and Eda Dodge, of Forest City, October 21, by J. H. Wilson, J. P.

Carter, Charley S., and Belle Guyer, of Forbes, October 11, by Wm. M. Price, J. P.

Coyle, Jas. A., of Maitland, and Minnie M. McGrew, of Rock Port, December 14.

Cromack, Bertrand M., of Chanute, Kas., and Jesse U. Davis, of Kansas City, December 23, by Rev. A. J. Brock.

Dively, Allen A., of Forest City, and Addie A. Perkins, of Joplin, Mo., January 15, by C. A. Lease, J. P.

Dulen, Ralph O., and Ethel B. Lewis, of Mound City, March 7, by Rev. J. K. Hicks.

Dreher, Dan W., and Grace A. Bragg, of New Point, May 6, by Rev. W. E. Caldwell.

Dlong, Charles, and Lulu Shaw, of Mound City, July 4, by H. T. Alkire, Judge of Probate.

Dunnahoo, Hiram, and Laura Bell Muckey, of Craig, Aug. 30, by W. A. Browning, J. P.

Derham, Harry P., of St. Joseph, and Ida M. Riley, of Bigelow, Sept. 23, by Rev. A. C. Riffe.

Drake, Bert, of Langdon, and Bessie Thornton, of Forest City, Dec. 31, by H. T. Alkire, probate judge.

Erickson, Jesse R., and Julia J. Thompson, of Forest City, Feb. 20, by H. T. Alkire, probate judge.

Elton, Frank R., of Mound City, and Lena C. Kunkel, of Forest City, Sept. 2, by Rev. C. W. Thorpe.

Elliott, John R., of St. Joseph, and Eunice M. Hughes, of Forbes, Dec. 16, by Rev. H. Hite.

Fleener, Berry, and Nannie Yocum, of Mound City, Jan. 21, by Rev. Henry

Crampton.

Ford, Samuel R., and Cornelia E. Elder, of Forest City, Jan. 21, by H. T. Alkire, probate judge.

Fields, Chas. H. of Graham, and Mabel J. Blakely, of Fillmore, April 22, by Rev. A. J. Brock.

Forney, Edward O. and Cora Pearl Hibbard, of Oregon, June 14, by Rev. W. L. Bagley.

Ford, Ira E., of Forest City, and Belle Partridge, of Oregon, August 16, by Rev. J. P. Bickel.

Ford, Marion A., of Forest City, and Mary E. Rush, October 11, by Rev. H. E. Bower.

Fields, Virgil, of Graham, and Lulu M. Rayhill, of New Point, November 18, by Rev. Thos. B. Dry.

Feld, Charles W., and Minnie U. Schaffer, of Mound City, December 23, by Rev. Geo. L. Peters.

Fryman, Andrew W., of Oregon, and Lida A. Way, of Unionville, December 26, by Rev. H. A. Sawyers.

Gordon, Albert, of Forest City, and Nora Randall, of Mound City, January 11, by Rev. H. L. Acton.

Gordon, Walter, and Addie L. Gardner, of Oregon, March 9, by H. T. Alkire, judge of probate.

Graham, Chas. E., of Bigelow, and Ollie May Butler, Mound City, April 25, by John J. Glass, J. P.

Gilbert, Irving E., of Lawrence, Kas., and Lydia Kuriz, of Oregon, August 19, by Rev. Henry A. Sawyers.

Gillfillan, Herman, and Minnie F. Nute, of Maitland, October 28, by Rev. W. L. Bagley.

Gelvin, Oren D. G., and Edith M. Kneale, of Maitland, October 14, by Rev. Jas. McFarland.

Goatcher, Charley, and Kate Connard, of Skidmore, November 21, by Rev. H. E. Bower.

Gilleland, Allie, and Myrtle Burge, of Mound City, November 11, by John J. Steele, J. P.

Grimes, Andy, and Lizzie Sipes, of Oregon, November 1, by F. S. Rostock, J. P.

Hogrefe, Ulysses C., of Tarkio, and Lucile T. Jeffries, of Corning, February 25, by Rev. Nathan Cole.

Hughes, Jas. D., and Annie B. Sipes, of Forbes, June 20, by Rev. E. Edmonds.

Hughes, Joseph F., of Oregon, and Lizzie Troub, of Rock Port, December 18.

Ideker, Fritz A. C., and Louisa Wallmann, of Craig, February 9, by Rev. C. H. Lentzsch.

Kershaw, Rob't W., of Grain Valley, Mo., and Iva B. Bloomer, of New Point, March 18, by Rev. Thomas B. Dry.

Kunkel, Daniel B., of Oregon, and Bessie L. Mitchell, of La Belle, Mo., August 19, by Rev. J. Spickerman.

Lynch, Benj. F., and Armita P. French, of Oregon, February 22, by Elder A. Hardman.

Lowe, L. B., of Craig, and Ethel Lucas, of Quitman, July 2, by Z. T. Randall, J. P.

Lyons, A. J., and Cynthia A. Shumate, of Forest City, July 15, by Rev. R. J. Spickerman.

Lukens, Wm. D., of Kansas City, and M. S. Keziah Murray, of Oregon, December 14, by Rev. J. L. Wallace.

Lunsford, Earnest and Cora L. Ferguson, of Mound City, July 1, by Rev. M. S. Haynes.

Maud, Jno. W., of Mound City, and Maude Bower, of Ord, Neb., February 1, by J. R. Hicks.

Morgan, D. R., and Nettie C. Parsons, of Oregon, February 1, by Rev. J. F. Bickel.

Miles, Jno. C. of Fairfax, and May Cantlin, of Mound City, February 18, by Rev. R. M. Rhodes.

Miler, Martin, and Annie Judy, of Mound City, March 11, by Rev. J. D. Hildebrand.

Martin, Judd B., and Rosa F. Fiel, of Mound City, April 8, by Rev. O. D. Allen.

Mann, Elmer G., of Mound City, and Etta A. Stephenson, of Craig, September 23, by Rev. A. C. Riffe.

Morton, Jno. A., and Maggie Miller, of Mound City, October 11, by Rev. Geo. L. Peters.

Miller, Orthel, of Winchester, Ind., and Ida Belle Oren, of New Point, October 28, by Rev. T. D. Roberts.

McCoy, Mose T., and Ethel L. Mitchell, of Craig, January 7, by Rev. R. M. Rhodes.

McIntyre, Willis M., and Bertie Keller, of Mound City, April 20, by John H. Steele, J. P.

McCorkhill, Leonard A., of Blanchard, Iowa, and Jesse M. Conway, Maitland, April 29, by Rev. Thos. B. Dry.

McCormack, Len, and Bertha A. Bundy, of Maitland, May 29, by Rev. Thos. B. Dry.

Noble, H. C., of Nodaway, and Susie Simmons, of Oregon, January 1, by Rev. H. A. Siekmann.

Nauman, Amos B., of Mound City, and Blanche Taylor, of Craig, February 24, by Rev. George L. Peters.

Noggle, Jacob M., and Florence Reese, of Craig, March 25, by Rev. T. A. Wind-

son.

Noland, Joseph A., and Pearl Henderson, of Forest City, August 18, by Henry T. Alkire, probate judge.

Odell, Jasper, and Julian Lawson, of Bigelow, August 27, by Rev. C. C. Dobbs.

Oyerly, Jas. H., and Lacy V. Perry, of Mound City, November 29, by Rev. F. E. Smith.

Parker, Harry B., and Matilda T. Ploeger, of White Cloud, Kas., February 26, by Rev. H. E. Siekmann.

Piper, Andrew D., and Mrs. America Baker, of Osawatimie, Kas., July 21, by Rev. H. E. Bower.

Parsons, Chas. D., and Martha L. Handy, of Oregon, December 12, by Rev. A. J. Brock.

Pruitt, Geo. W., of Oregon, and Nellie L. Cook, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, December 19.

Radcliff, Daniel A., of Creston, Iowa, and Carrie Stalcup, of Forest City, March 2, H. T. Alkire, judge of probate.

Richards, Hugh, and Cora A. Rung, of Mound City, March 12, by Rev. Henry Crampton.

Shockley, Ora A., of Maitland, and Elizabeth J. Rybolt, of Mound City, February 4, by H. T. Alkire, probate judge.

Simmons, Wm. J., of Oregon, and Pearl Fancher, of Forbes, February 11, by Rev. H. A. Siekmann.

Smith, Jno. C., and Louisa M. Walker, of Mound City, February 11, by Rev. J. R. Hicks.

Skinner, Walter W., and Mary E. Myers, of Forbes, February 25, by Rev. Wm. H. Hite.

Spahr, Jas. C., of Waynesville, Ohio, and Rosa L. Oren, of New Point, March 12, by Rev. W. E. Caldwell.

Sapp, Chas. M., and Allie M. McNeal, of Skidmore, March 25, by Rev. Henry Crampton.

Strickler, Luther J., and Mae McElhaney, of Craig, April 19, by Rev. R. Bruce West.

Spickelmeyer, Rufus J., of Willis, Kas., and Mabel L. Doughty, of Fillmore, April 29, by Rev. M. H. Jordan.

Swin, Francis M., of St. Edwards, Neb., and Verda Stogsell, of Mound City, May 26, by Rev. W. C. Rice.

Sharp, Wm. A. and Golda A. Watson, of Craig, July 15, by Rev. R. Bruce West.

Smith, Augustus T., of St. Joseph, and Nettie McCoy, of Corning, July 15, by Rev. McFarland.

Sip, S. Wm., and Minnie Plummer, of Forbes, August 12, by Wm. M. Price, J. P.

Shaffer, Frank, and Neile Lister, of Mound City, September 30, Rev. Geo. L. Peters.

Smith, J. A. L., of Bigelow, and Emma M. Ambrose, of Logan, Iowa, September 23.

Snapp, Jesse, of Fillmore, and Nervie Sisk, of Oregon, October 19, by H. T. Alkire, probate judge.

Stovall, Milton O., of Craig, and Mayme F. Zeller, of St. Joseph, October 26, by Z. T. Randall, J. P.

Shell-berger, Chas. J., and Bettie Gillis, Mound City, November 4, by Rev. Geo. L. Peters.

Sly, Philip C., and Ora A. Sheppard, of Mound City, November 3, by Rev. W. C. Austin.

Stephenson, Earl, and Maude Hershner, of Oregon, December 24, by Rev. H. E. Bower.

Taylor, Jonas, and Carrie Ethel Clark, of Nodaway, September 18, by H. T. Alkire, probate judge.

Taylor, Geo., of White Cloud, Kas., and Ella Putroff, of Craig, December 15, by J. H. Wilson, of Craig.

Taylor, Jonas, and Carrie E. Clark, of Nodaway, September 18, by H. T. Alkire, probate judge.

Taylor, Frank, and Myrtle Lount, of Bigelow, December 24, by Rev. R. Bruce West.

Williams, John C., of Jack-onville, Ill., and Olive Hatcher, of Fillmore, Mo., February 6, by Rev. Henry Crampton.

Woodward, Chas., and Margaret E. Combs, of Mound City, February 24, by F. S. Rostock, J. P.

Walters, Rob't B., and Ella J. Hoffman, of Oregon, March 11, by Rev. H. E. Bower.

Wake, Albert R., and Lotie L. Devault, of Napier, June 10, by H. T. Alkire, judge of probate.

Wetchee, Joseph S., of Mound City, and Kate A. Kee, of Oregon, June 30, by Rev. A. J. Brock.

Wallace, John W., of Forest City, and Maud A. Hayzie, of Napier, September 17, by F. S. Rostock, J. P.

Weaver, Frederic, and Mary May Cooper, of Mound City, November 25, by Rev. C. S. Garber.

Williams, Claud E., of Maitland, and Ida Lentz, of Richville, December 23, by Rev. H. E. Bower.

Vandeverter, J. E., and Bertha L. Garner, of Mound City, December 7, by Rev. Geo. L. Peters.

—H. B. Crews, of Craig, has been appointed to the railway mail service, and will run on the Klondike & Western railroad from Mt. Airy, Ia., to Chariton, Mo.

Four Score or More.

We acknowledge the receipt of the following biographies, which at our request, have been sent us, and we take great pleasure in giving them place in our columns, and we hope others will do likewise:

G. W. Thomas was born in Lewis county, Kentucky, February 23d, 1822, and if spared to see his next birthday, which falls upon the birthday of the father of his country, Mr. Thomas will celebrate his 82d birthday. In May, 1847, he was married to Dorothy McCormick, who was born in 1827, and who was reared to young womanhood in the same county as her husband. They came to Missouri in 1857, and located in this county in Hickory township, six miles northwest of Oregon. A few years ago they moved to another farm just across the road from the farm originally settled upon by them—thus moving but twice during their married lives of 56 years. They have had 10 children, five sons and one daughter still living. These are: G. H., who now resides in Hutchinson, Kas. Chas. W., lawyer at Woodland, Cal., R. W., veterinarian in St. Joseph. Matt and Hazard, farmers of Holt county. Mrs. Mary Boyd resides in the state of Oregon. They have one great grand child. Both Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are now quite feeble and are living alone.

N. H. Dozier, who now resides near Mound City on a farm, was born in St. Louis county, Missouri, June 8, 1823, and was married to Clarissa T. Briggs, in Buchanan county, September 14, 1848. They came to Holt county in the spring of 1852, and have resided on their present farm for 31 years. They are members of the M. E. church. They are the parents of eight children, five boys and three girls, one of the sons is now dead. They have 25 grand children and 20 great grand children, all of whom are living.